

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A storage device for providing access to a recording medium (10), said storage device (30) comprising:
  - a) interface means (32) for exposing a predetermined portion of the maximum storage capacity of said recording medium (10), said predetermined portion being addressable for inputting or outputting data across said interface means (32); and
  - b) selecting means (25) for selecting said predetermined portion in response to a selection input.
2. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said selecting means comprises switching means (25) for switching between at least two selection states for selecting at least one of a location and a size of said predetermined portion.
3. (original) A device according to claim 2, wherein said switching means comprises at least a first switching means for switching between at least two different locations and a second switching means for switching between at least two different sizes.
4. (currently amended) A device according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein said switching means comprises a software switch operated

by a selection input signal receivable via an input terminal (32) of said storage device (30).

5. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~claim 2, wherein said switching means comprises a hardware switch arranged on said storage device (30).

6. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 5~~claim 2, wherein said switching means provides a first selection type defining a first selection state in which said predetermined portion correspond to said maximum storage capacity, a second selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the second half of said maximum storage capacity, a third selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the second quarter of said maximum storage capacity, and a fourth selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the fourth quarter of said maximum storage capacity.

7. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 6~~claim 2, wherein said switching means provides a second selection type defining a first selection state in which said predetermined portion correspond to the first quarter of said maximum storage capacity, a second selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the second quarter of said

maximum storage capacity, a third selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the third quarter of said maximum storage capacity, and a fourth selection state in which said predetermined portion corresponds to the fourth quarter of said maximum storage capacity.

8. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~claim 2, wherein each selection state can be allocated to a different specific host device to which said storage device (30) is connectable.

9. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 8~~claim 2, wherein said switching means is programmable by a programming signal receivable via an input terminal (32) of said storage device (30).

10. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein a configuration of said selecting means (25) is stored on said recording medium (10).

11. (original) A device according to claim 10, wherein said recording medium is an optical disc (10) and said configuration is stored in a drive navigation area (DN) of said optical disc (10).

12. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said storage device is a removable  
drive device (30) for an optical disc (10).

13. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said interface means is a standard  
interface (32) for storage devices.

14. (original) A device according to claim 13, wherein said  
standard interface (32) is a PCMCIA, Compact Flash, Newcard, or  
MMCA interface.

15. (currently amended) A device according to ~~any one of the~~  
~~preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein a file system area of said  
recording medium (10) is excluded from said exposed predetermined  
portion.

16. (original) A method of reading from or writing to a recording  
medium (10), said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an access interface function (20) for reading from  
or writing to said recording medium (10);
- b) exposing via said access interface function (20) a  
predetermined portion of the maximum storage capacity of said  
recording medium (10); and

c) providing an input function (25) for selecting at said access interface function at least one of a size and a location of said predetermined portion.